

## Charlestown discharges Generals 44-14

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The Pirate faithful traveled to Clarksville last Friday night to witness the Mid Southern Conference match-up of their beloved Pirates and the Generals of Clarksville High School.

Pirate fans were ready to cheer on the team as Charlestown was ready to find another win over the Generals.

Charlestown found the endzone first just minutes into the ballgame. The Pirates would add another score before the Generals would fight back to tie the ballgame with less than two minutes before the halftime break.

The second half belonged to the Pirates as Charlestown's defense would not give up a score in the second half and the offense rolled behind the arm and legs of sophomore quarterback Aaron Daniel.

Charlestown brought home the 44-14 Mid Southern Conference win to push their record to 2-1 and 1-1 in the conference race.

The Pirates found the scoreboard with just 2:50 ran off the clock as Daniel scampered 20 yards to the endzone. The two point conversion failed. Charlestown held the early 6-0 advantage at the 9:10 mark of the first period.

Charlestown pinned the Generals deep into their own territory and forced a three-and-out to give the Pirates the ball back on Clarksville's 25 yard line.

After a nine play drive, Daniel kept the ball and dove one yard into the endzone for the second Pirate touchdown of the evening. Daniel hooked up with classmate Gage Brafford for the two point conversion. The score gave Charlestown the 14-0 advantage with 3:40 left in the opening quarter.

The Generals drove the ball down the field to end the first period with Charlestown still holding the 14-0 advantage.

On the first play of the second stanza General junior quarterback Wes Rittman hooked up with sophomore Nathaniel Jones for a six yard touchdown pass. The Pirates blocked the extra point attempt for the 14-6 advantage at the 11:55 mark in the first half.

Clarksville tied the ballgame late in the first half when Rittman hooked up with Aidan McEwen for a 20 yard touchdown pass. The two point conversion was good to knot the ballgame at 14 with 1:52 remaining in the second period.

It took the Pirates a mere 70 seconds to find the endzone as Daniel hooked up with senior Joey Wilson for an eight yard touchdown pass with 42.8 seconds left in the half. Daniel found the endzone for the two point conversion to give the Pirates the 22-14 advantage prior to the halftime break.

And the Pirates never looked back.

Charlestown took a mere five plays to find paydirt to begin the third period as Daniel rambled 39 yards to the endzone at the 9:36 mark. Daniel then hooked up with Wilson for the two point conversion for the 30-14 Pirate advantage.

Daniel would find the endzone one more time in the quarter as he dove from two yards out to the goal line at the 3:16 mark. Daniel then ran in the two point conversion for the 38-14 Pirate lead to end the third quarter of play.

The Pirates would end the scoring for the night as sophomore Tyler Odle found some daylight and sprinted 75 yards to the goal line. The extra point attempt failed at the 9:42 mark in the ballgame.

Charlestown recorded the 44-14 Mid Southern Conference win over the home-standing

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Generals of Clarksville.

“Aaron (Daniel) stepped up his play tonight. Our fullback Ethan Bowen stepped up tonight and blocked really well. Our offensive line blocked really well tonight,” stated Pirate head coach Jason Hawkins. “Our defense played really well tonight, especially in that second half.”

Charlestown will travel to Mid Southern Conference foe the Eastern Musketeers this Friday night. The kick-off is set for 7 p.m.